

IRTS Radio News Bulletin Sunday October 1st 2006

IRTS Contests

In 2007, IRTS will be sponsoring 7 contests, starting with the 80 metres Counties Contest on the 1st of January, and concluding with the special CQIR - Ireland Calling Contest on the 29th and 30th of September.

The full IRTS Contest Calendar for 2007, along with the Rules of each contest, are now on the "Contests" page of the IRTS web site, at www.irts.ie Participating in contests is a great way to improve your operating skills, including operation under field day conditions, and to work those rare counties.

Slide Rule and Abacus Exhibition at ILAC Central

Library.

An exhibition of non-electronic methods of calculation will be on view at the ILAC Library, Henry Street Dublin until the 28th of October 2006.

The exhibits will include the following:- Slide Rules of various types old and 'new' invented in 1620 by Edmond Gunter, based on the invention of Logarithms by John Napier in 1614. Abacuses including some examples of Chinese and Japanese types. A set of 'Napier's bones' Calculating rods, so called because they were usually made of bone or ivory designed to be used for a lifetime. Mechanical calculators with manual 'carry' and automatic 'carry' and a sample of the Hewlett Packard model HP25 pocket Scientific Calculator which 'killed off' the Slide Rule after 350 years of use.

The exhibition is supported by a web site, where further information can be obtained about the collection, together with links to other web sites of similar interest. The site can be found at homepage.eircom.net/~sliderules/.

The Exhibition is for historic and educational purposes only, and is free of charge. You do not need to have any mathematical knowledge to view the exhibition. Why not drop by and have a look! The Collection is privately owned by Liam, EI9DVB.

Tipperary Amateur Radio Group

The October meeting of the Tipperary Amateur Radio Group will take place on Thursday next the 5th of October in Raheen House Hotel, Clonmel. All are welcome.

South Dublin Radio Club

South Dublin Radio Club and amateur radio in general got a good publicity boost last week through an article in "Southside", which is distributed free to all households in the south of Dublin city. The magazine ran an article about the club's activities. The article explained the benefits of amateur radio and also publicised SDR's theory classes.

South Eastern Amateur Radio Group

A committee meeting of South Eastern Amateur Radio Group will take place this coming Wednesday, the 4th of October. All committee members are asked to attend.

Kerry Amateur Radio Group AGM

The third AGM of the Kerry Amateur Radio Group will be held on Saturday the 7th of October 2006 at the Muckross House Coffee Shop in Killarney at 10 a.m. sharp. No officer's posts were contested in the recent request for nominations so the incumbents will be deemed to be re-elected unless other nominations are received, on the day and prior to the start of the AGM.

Current incumbents are: EI2JP is Chairman and Treasurer, EI9ESB is Vice Chairman and the position of Hon. Secretary is held by EI7CQB.

A planning session will be held after the election to discuss plans for the club during the 2006-2007 year. This is your opportunity to set the agenda for the coming year and all club members are requested to attend and bring constructive ideas to guide the direction of the club in the New Year.

Members are also reminded that memberships are due for renewal on the 1st of October. Those members who haven't renewed their membership for the 2006-2007 year are asked to now forward their subscription to EI2JP at QTHR.

Mayo Rally

The Mayo Rally will take place on Sunday the 26th of November 11:00 a.m. in the Belmont Hotel, Knock. Special rates are available for those wishing to stay overnight. Bed and Breakfast is 50 Euro per person sharing or 70 Euro with evening meal.

For bookings, contact the Belmont Hotel directly on 094-9388122. For enquiries about the Mayo rally, contact the rally organiser: Padaric Baynes EI9JA on 087-6957154 or email "pbaynes1 at eircom dot net".

Theory Classes

Theory classes for the Experimenters Radio Licence will be starting Shortly in Garbally Collage, Ballinasloe and interested parties should contact Noel EI6HW by e-mail at "nfmulvihill at eircom dot net".

Classes in Waterford commenced on Tuesday last the 26th of September at 7.30 p.m. in the Roanmore Centre, Cleaboy Road, Waterford.

Classes are continuing with SDR every Tuesday between 8.00 p.m. and 10.00 p.m. in the Marian Community Centre, Marian Road, Tempelogue.

Mayo AGM

The ninth AGM of the Mayo Radio Experimenters Network will be held in Stensons of Ballyvary (on the N5) on Wednesday October the 4th at 9 p.m. The group will be looking for a new Chairperson; Jimmy Kelly EI2GCB, having served the maximum three-year term will be standing down. In February 2007 the Mayo Radio Experimenters Network will be ten years old and plans are underway to mark the event. At the October meeting good wishes for a speedy recovery were extended to Michael Clarke EI3IG and Willie Long EI6AI - both of whom were ill recently.

Several members of the MREN travelled to the Leicester Rally in the UK Midlands, enjoying the fine weather and car racing at Donnington Park as added attractions.

Waterford Rally

The Waterford Rally will take place on Sunday the 15th of October 2006. This year the rally will take place in The Woodlands Hotel on the Dunmore Road in Waterford City.

South East Communications from Waterford and Long Communications from

Donegal have confirmed their attendance at the rally. The Irish Radio Transmitters Society and ALEN will also be a welcome presence and the 'Bring and Buy' will also be available.

For queries, contact the rally organiser, Michael Hoban, EI5DCB on 051-873310 or visit www.searg.com

Jamboree On The Air

The 49th JOTA will take place during the weekend of the 21st and 22nd of October 2006. Each year over 500,000 Scouts and Guides from all over the world participate in this event where Scouting experiences are shared and ideas exchanged thus contributing to the world brotherhood of Scouting. While the event lasts from midnight local time Friday night to midnight Sunday night, Stations participating can choose their own operating hours.

Further information including training material can be obtained from Sean EI3IP, Scouting Ireland National JOTA Organiser by emailing jota at scouts dot ie. Training material can be downloaded from the Scouting Ireland Radio Scouting Web page at www.scouts.ie/international/jota Details of participating Groups will follow.

Items for inclusion in next weeks Radio News should be forwarded to Mark Wall, EI7IS at QTHR or by phone to 051-853806 or 087-6302026. Items for the radio news can also be faxed to 087 5 6302026. News should be submitted via e-mail to "news at irts dot ie" for automatic forwarding to both the radio and printed news services. Please note that items for the radio news should reach the editor no later than midday on Friday in order to be guaranteed inclusion in the following Sundays bulletin.

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